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POPULATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population policy has been reviewed and revised in view of the last census figures for 2001 ;

(b) if so, the new population policy, indicating the basic census figures for different socio-economic groups and sections of the society as compared to the population growth registered during the preceding decade in respect of different sections;

(c) the rate of population growth during the decade compared to that registered in the preceding three decades ; and

(d) the extent to which it represents the success of the population policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rate of population growth percentage during the decade compared to that registered in the preceding three decades is as under: -

1971-1981	25.00
1981-1991	23.87
1991-2001	21.54

(d) It is too early to make opinion regarding success in achieving population stabilization after the Government adopted National Population Policy-2000. However, trends indicate an improvement in main demographic indicators viz. CBR, TFR and MMR for the last three years as given below:

Demographic indicators of the country	2000	2001	2002
Crude Birth Rate (CBR)	25.8	25.4	25.0
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.3	2.3	2.2
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	68	66	63

Source: SRS Estimates, RG, India